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**DETAILED INTERROGATION REPORT ON SS
STURMBANNFUEHRER HUEGEL Dr Klaus and SS
UNTERSTURMFUEHRER SEGNA Dr Walter.**

This report, which is in
response to a memorandum from
SCI/Unit 2/FLORENCE, contains
information on Countess
Novella di SAVORGNANI, nee
CECHET, alias PETROVIC.

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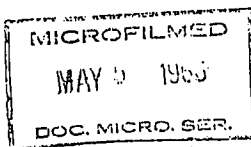
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1. SOURCES

A. HUEGEL

(a) Personal Details

Name : HUEGEL (Dr) Klaus
Alias : None (map)
Rank : (SS) Sturmabfuhrer
Unit : Abt VI B.d.S. ITALIEN
Id No. : Not known
F.P. No. : 13563
SS No. : 111815
Party No. : 3,407,445
Home address : BREGENZ, Schloss Wolfurt, Austria
Secret No. : M.45/546
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~~Dr. H. H. H. H.~~
POB Austria
cit Austria

(b) History and Career to include SS activities also
quite good reliable info.

of CSDIC/CMF/SD 2 and 3, para. 1 b

re Countess Novella di Savignani
an alleged G.I.S. agent on

(c) Assessment

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Reliability : Good

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History and Career,

(Interrogated by H.H.)

B. SEGNA

(a) Personal Details

Name : SEGNA, Dr Walter
Alias : None (and Lt)
Rank : (SS) Untersturmfuehrer
Unit : B.d.S. ITALIEN (L.O. to Fascist Party)
Id. No. : SS Ausb. Alt KONITZ 11991
F.P. No. : 13563
S.S. No. : None
Party No. : None
Home address : COLLALBO RENON, BOLZANO, Italy
Captured : 28 Apr 45, MILAN
Secret No. : M.45/605
Interrogated : CSDIC, CMF, 30 May 45.

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(b) History and Career

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Source was born on 10 Nov 08 at MEZZO LOMBARDO (South TYROL). After secondary education up to the age of 17 at STEINACH and BOLZANO he studied law for four years at PAVIA and TURIN universities. From Nov 31 to May 32 he did military training as an officer cadet at MONCAGLIERI (nr TURIN), and from Feb 33 to Sep 33 served as 2/Lt with 91 Inf Regt in TURIN.

From end 1933 to 1938 he practised as a solicitor at BOLZANO and in 1938 - 39 at SILANDRO (SCHLUNDERS). In Oct 39 he opted for German nationality and was employed in 1940 as a civilian with the A.D.E.R.S.T. (S. TYROL Resettlement Bureau). This placed him in a reserved occupation.

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In Apr 42 Source was ordered to report to 102/103 Wilhelmstrasse, BERLIN, and was enrolled in Abt III of the SD. After a fortnight in BERLIN he was posted to The HAGUE.

In HOLLAND Source served under HERSTER, B.d.S. HOLLAND, chiefly in Referat IIIA (Legal affairs). On 3 Sep 43 HERSTER received orders to proceed to ITALY and PW accompanied him as adjutant and interpreter. In ITALY he organized the C.BLANCA training school for Italian recruits who were to be used as SD guards.

Up to Feb 43 Source was a civilian, but on that date he was given the rank of SS Untersturmfuehrer.

From 1 Jan 45 until his capture Source was L.O. to the Fascist Party in MILAN.

(c) Assessment *gave reliable info re Countess Novella di Savorgnan an alleged G.I.S. agent and in End 1944*

PW is a South Tyrolean who has been cured by events of his leanings towards the Reich. He is intelligent and observant and gave information willingly.

Reliability : Good

(cf : CSDIC/SC/15.G/SD 1)

(Interrogated by H.H.)

2. COUNTESS NOVELLA DI SAVORGNANI

(a) Career

SAVORGNANI is believed by Sources to be of Italian birth but Slovene race. She was an illegitimate child and was brought up by her half-brother, who was much older than herself, as his "daughter". She married the Count di SAVORGNANI when seventeen years old, but the marriage was an unhappy one. Her half-brother and her only child were killed in an allied air attack on TRIESTE in about Apr 44.

(b) Contact with G.I.S.

Neither Source knew in what circumstances SAVORGNANI had first contacted the G.I.S. Her name was first mentioned to HUEGEL as a possible agent for an "IDA" mission by Sturmbannfuhrer WOLF, the special RSM representative sent to ITALY to organize post-occupational networks (cf CSDIC/C.F/SD 3 para 2), but Sources did not know how WOLF had met her.

(c) Visit to VERONA in Jan 45.

(Ref CSDIC/SC/15.G/SD 1 para 34)

HUEGEL stated that SAVORGNANI undertook this visit on her own initiative. She presented herself at HUEGEL's private rooms one evening, introduced herself, and offered her services to the G.I.S., stating that she did not believe that she was sufficiently trusted by the SD at TRIESTE. On the following day HUEGEL referred her to SEGNA, and when the latter left shortly afterwards for CERNOBIO HUEGEL suggested that he should take her with him. SEGNA states that he subsequently kept her at CERNOBIO less because he had any intention of employing her as an agent than because he was attracted by her and she had become his mistress.

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(d) Other connections

(Information provided by SEGNA)

SEGNA believed, from conversations held with SAVORGNANI, that her true allegiance was to the Yugoslav Royalist cause, and that she was working directly for DJUJIC (spelt GJJIUJC in CSDIC/SC/15AG/SD 1), leader of the Serb CHETNIKS in Northern JUGOSLAVIA.

As far as SAVORGNANI's contact with the S.I.C. through the persons of SAURO and COLUSSI (cf CSDIC/SC/15AG/SD 1 para 38) was concerned, SEGNA stated that she told him that she had received from SAURO the task of keeping a watch on Gauleiter RAINER's Slovene policy, and that to carry out this task she cultivated the friendship of Dr JOHANNES, Abteilungsleiter on RAINER's staff at TRIESTE.

SEGNA believed that SAVORGNANI's connection with the Communists in the "Comitato di Liberazione Nazionale" at TRIESTE (cf CSDIC/SC/15 AG/SD 1 para 35) was formed by her for the purpose of supplying DJUJIC with information. He stated however that she regarded VITOILLOVIC as an idealist and an honourable man, and that he had once shielded her against an allegation made by the communists that she was working for the Germans or Fascists. Her only other communist contact known to SEGNA (by name only) was a Serb or Slovene girl with the cover name of SOKOLIZA.

SEGNA could add no further information concerning SAVORGNANI's relations with FUMAI (cf CSDIC/SC/15AG/SD 1 paras 36-37), but stated that in this case too she was seeking information on behalf of DJUJIC.

(e) The attempt to contact the Allies through DJUJIC

Cf CSDIC/SC/15AG/SD 1 para 45

At the end of March 45 SEGNA suggested to the B.d.S., SS Gruppenfuehrer Dr HARSTER, that SAVORGNANI might be used to establish contact with the Allies through DJUJIC. SAVORGNANI was therefore sent to TRIESTE, whence she returned with the information contained in the a/n para. DJUJIC believed that an Allied landing in the TRIESTE area was imminent, and the patriarch GAVRILO's projected mission to contact Yugoslav Royalist circles in ENGLAND was connected with this belief. DJUJIC had also told SAVORGNANI that she was at liberty to contact Allied agents should the opportunity occur. It was at about this time that he gave her the identity card in the name of PETROVIC. SEGNA wished to send SAVORGNANI back to TRIESTE to learn of the result of GAVRILO's mission, but the collapse in Northern ITALY came before he was able to do this. He received no more information on GAVRILO's mission.

(f) Dr MAURO

SEGNA could add little to the information contained in CSDIC/SC/15AG/SD 1 para 44. He stated that to the best of his knowledge MAURO was not working for any Intelligence Service, neither was his visit to CERNOBBIO occasioned by political motives.

(g) Summing-up.

(i) SAVORGNANI's allegiance

HUEGEL knew no more of SAVORGNANI than is stated in paras 2h and o above. After referring her to SEGNA he had no further connections with her.

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SEGN. stated that she was of Yugoslav Royalist sympathies; that she worked directly for DJUJIC; that his own connection with her was mainly one of intimacy; that she carried out no work for the G.I.S., and that in his opinion her reason for getting into touch with it was purely to obtain information for DJUJIC; and that he believed that her connections with other Secret Services (see para 2d above) were formed for the same reason.

(ii) Contacts

HUEGEL knew of no contacts.
Those known to SEGN. were :

G.I.S.

SS Sturmbannführer WOLF
✓ Dr JOHANNES.

CHETNIKS

DJUJIC
Communists at TRIESTE

✓ VITOILLOVIC
"SOKOLIZA"

S.I.C.

✓ SAURO
✓ COLUSSI

: Son of the irridentist "martyr" of TRIESTE
executed by the Austrians.

Prince BORGHESE

✓ FUNAI

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